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SUBJECT: CASE OF KUO I-TUNG, AKA PO YANG

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 23 FROM K.H. SUN (SUN KUAN-HAN, 1327/6034/3352), MANAGER OF NUCLEONIC RESEARCH AT WESTINGHOUSE RESEARCH LABORATORIES IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSLYVANIA. MR. SUN ASKS THAT THE AMBASSADOR INTERVENE WITH THE GROC, SPECIFICALLY WITH PERMIER CHIANG, TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF KUO I-TUNG (6753/0181/3159 AKA PO YANG, 2672/2799), A WELL-KNOWN WRITER JAILED HERE IN 1969 ON SEDITION CHARGES. THE DEPARTMENT IS FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF HIS CASE.

2. SUN ENCLOSED A COPY OF A FEBRUARY 3 LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER URING HIM TO EXPRESS THE SAME INTEREST IN THE PO YANG CASE THAT HE HAS IN THE SAKHAROV CASE. THE LETTER ALSO INDICATES THAT SIMILAR APPEALS HAVE BEEN SENT TO SENATOR HEINZ, REPRESENTATIVES MOORHEAD AND WILSON (CALIF.) , AND EA/ROC DIRECTOR LEVIN.

3. THE TIME SEEMS RIPE FOR US TO RAISE PO'S CASE. HERE AN AUGUST 25, 1975, LETTER FROM GIO DIRECTOR TING MOU-SHIH TO THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR SAID THAT THE COMMUTATION ACT OF 1975 (RELATED TO PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH) REDUCED PO'S SENTENCE
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FROM TWELVE TO EIGHT HEARS. DEPENDING ON WHETHER THE GROC DATES HIS PRISON SENTENCE FROM 1968 OR 1969, PO SHOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN 1976 OR IS DUE TO BE RELEASED IN 1977.

4. THEREFORE, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE PO'S CASE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SEEK

INFORMATION ABOUT HIS RELEASE DATE AND PRESENT WELFARE.
EMBASSY WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE SUN'S LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR UNTIL
WE ARE INFORMED AS TO HOW THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO HANDLE
SUN'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT. PLEASE ADVISE.
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